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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 569
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A RESOLUTION To name a bridge on U.S. Highway 70S at the
Van Buren County - White County boundary in
honor of the late John Steele Cooper.

WHEREAS, From time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who during their lifetimes contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, No Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late John Steele Cooper; and

WHEREAS, John Steele Cooper was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity whose astute community involvement was always for the express purpose of helping his fellow citizens to lead happier and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, He served his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in numerous capacities and he selflessly devoted his time and energies to making his community and this State a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners and the White County Board of Commissioners have memorialized this body to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 70S to permanently commemorate Mr. Cooper's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

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WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning the Caney Fork River on U.S. Highway 70S at the
Van Buren County - White County boundary is hereby designated as the "John Steele Cooper
Bridge" to posthumously honor one of the most dedicated and public-spirited citizens the
Volunteer State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to
erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "John Steele
Cooper Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the
guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the
Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the
provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and
regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the requirements of the preceding
resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if White County, Tennessee, either
(1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation
within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such
signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing
option (1), White County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the State for
manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of
the estimated cost to White County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the
actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, White County shall remit an amount equal to the

difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners and the White County Board of Commissioners.